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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/643,946 Confirmation No. 5406  
Applicant : S. KANNO et al.  
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Titled : TREATMENT METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING  
PERFLUOROCOMPOUND, DECOMPOSING CATALYST  
AND TREATMENT APPARATUS  
TC/A.U. : 1754  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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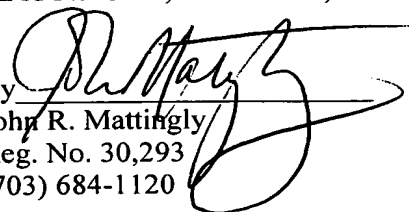
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006, the Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing the invention of Group III, claims 6-7, drawn to an apparatus for treating perfluorocarbon, classified in class 422, subclass 129+, without traverse. Claims 6-7 are readable thereon.

If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (ASA-1145).

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